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Sir:

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in
response to the Office Action dated August 1, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 45-66.

45. (New) A tubular casing for use with food products, comprising:

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